ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Judson Baptist Association.

HELD WITH CHRISTIAN GROVE CHURCH.

BARBOUR COUNTY, ALA.,

SEPT 27 AND 28, 1893.

OFFICERS :

J. B. WARD, Moderator, - - Abbeville, Ala.
A. L. RAY, Clerk, - - Bush, Ala.
W. J. MARTIN, Treasurer, - Abbeville, Ala.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :

J. W. FOSTER, Abbeville, Ala.
M. V. CAPPS, " "
A. ARMSTRONG, " "
W. L. MCGEE, Lawrenceville, Ala.
J. F. DAWSEY, Dothan, Ala.

The next session will be held with Sardis church, commencing on Thursday, before the first Sunday in October, 1894. Introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. D. E. Burdeshaw. Alternate, R. B. Lee.

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MINUTES.

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The Judson Baptist Association convened in her forty-third annual session with the church at Christian Grove, Barbour County, Ala., September 27th, 1893, at 11 o'clock a. m.

The introductory sermon was preached by Brother J. W. Malone from Matt. 19th Chapter and 16th Verse. The sermon was both instructive and impressive.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Brother J. B. Ward called the body to order. Sung "When I Can Read My Title Clear," and prayer was offered by Brother D. E. Burdeshaw. Letters were presented from the churches and read by Brethren A. Daughety, B. K. Hendly and Z. W. Laney. The names of the Messengers were enrolled as follows:

1 Abbeville—Z. W. Laney, Jr., R. W. Miller and B. K. Hendley.
2 Bethel—J. W. Malone, S. J. Belcher and A. L. Ray.
3 Beulah—J. J. Boyett, T. H. Trotter.
4 Christian Grove—R B, Lee, J. W. James.
5 Center—(not represented.)
6 Concord—J. W. Knowles, J. C. Kirkland.
7 Enon—A. H. Taylor, D. E. Burdeshaw.
8 Fellowship—D. W. Capps, R. Wiggins.
9 Headland—D. M. Jackson, Eli Dykes and Joseph Knowles.
10 Hebron—A. J Armstrong, J. M. Armstrong.
11 Judson—J. E. Holmes, B. M. Gissendaner.
12 Lawrenceville—R. M. Espy, W. L. McGee.
13 Mt. Pleasant—(not represented.)
14 Mt. Ariel—F. B. Jernigan, E. D. Price.
15 Oaky Grove—John Whitehead, A. L J. Lisenby.
16 Old Zion—W J. Daswell, J. B. Starling.
17 Pleasant Grove—M. V. Capps, A. Armstrsng and G. M. Dunn.
18 Sardis—C. Johnson, D. Griffin.
19 Shorterville—(not represented.)
20 Smyrna—A. Daughety, W. W. Whidden.
21 Tolbert—W. J. Barnes, W. H. Elmore.
22 Union—(not represented.)
23 Haymony—J. W. Searcy, J. W. Langford.

OGANIZATION.

The moderator announced that it was in order now to elect a moderator and clerk for the ensuing year, tendered his resignation and called Bro. Foster to the chair. On motion the regular rule was suspended. A motion was made and carried to elect by acclamation. Bro. J. B. Ward was unanimously elected Moderator. Under the same rule, Bro. A. L. Ray was elected Clerk, also Bro. W. J. Martin re-elected Treasurer. The Moderator and Clerk thanked the body for their expression of confidence. Bro. Ward then declared the body organized and ready for business. On motion the regular order of business was adopted.

1st. Called for petitionary letters and received Harmony church, the Moderator extending to her delegates the right hand of fellowship and welcome.

2nd. Invited visiting ministers to seats with us, received from the Columbia Association Bro. J. D. Pierce and Bro. W. N. Cane from Brundidge Church, Pike County, Ala.

3rd. Called for correspondence and received Bro. A. B. Bush from the Eufaula Association.

On motion the regular order of business was adopted as formerly practiced by this body.

On motion the Moderator was granted time until tomorrow for the appointment of the various committees.

Returned correspondence to the Columbia Association. Brethren, A. Daughety, R. W. Miller, J. W. Foster, J. J. Boyett, T. H. Trotter, M. V. Capps and J. B. Ward. To the Newton Association, Brethren Z. W. Laney, Jr., and J. W. Foster.

On motion the Executive Committee was re-elected.

The Executive Committee's report was called for and adopted as follows:

The Executive Committee of the Judson Association beg leave to submit the following report:

On page 6 of the minutes of the last Association the following appears:

"Brother Malone moved that the Executive Committee be empowered to employ Bro. Martin as Evangelist for the next year, or for so much time as the means in sight would allow. Motion adopted."

The Committee met at Abbeville on the 13th day of October 1892, and transacted the following business: The Clerk and Treasurer reported that the balance on hand, not specially directed and subject to disposal by the Committee, was $84.50. As will appear by reference to the report at our last Association there was a balance of $138.88 due Bro. Martin for services as Evangelist. The above sum of $84.50 was paid to Bro. Martin which left still due him a balance of $54.38.

The Committee held another meeting at Abbeville on the 18th day of October and transacted the following business:

The pledges for 1893 were ascertained to amount in the aggregate to $104.50, and the balance due Bro. Martin, as stated in the first paragraph, was ascertained to be $54.38, leaving an available balance of $50.12 if all pledges should be paid. Deeming it of the highest importance to continue the work which Bro. Martin had so successfully prosecuted, the Committee made a full explanation of the situation to him and requested that he continue to work upon the same terms as he had been working, and

that he devote as much time to the same as he could feel safe in giving.

Under this contract Bro. Martin has given us two months of faithful work as Evangelist, his work having resulted in great good to the cause and for which we owe him the sum of $100.00. To this is to be added the balance of $54.38, due him for services rendered in 1892, making a total of $154.38 now due by the Association to Bro. Martin.

The Committee feel that this important werk should be continued.

By order of the Committee.

Sept. 27, 1893. W. J. MARTIN, Chairman.

On motion the Evangelist's report was read and adopted.

Report of A. L. Martin, Evangelist of the Judson Baptist Association for the year ending September 30th, 1893

DEAR BRETHREN:—The report of your Executive Committee will show the work I have done this year; also the amount due me therefor, as well as the balance that is unpaid on my services for last year:

I commenced work on the 27th day of June. On account of sickness in my family I have not worked as much as I intended.

I have worked 52 days in the different portions of the Association, and, considering all the surroundings, I think the outlook is promising. Nearly all of our churches have had good meetings since the last meeting of this body. They also have prosperous Sunday Schools, and I think a general increasing interest has been awakened on this subject.

In my visits among the churches I find that they are using more system in all church work; but I think my best work has been in visiting families and holding meetings with them, impressing on them the importance of family religion and of reading the scriptures.

I wanted to put all of the month of September in the work but on account of afflictions I could not leave home.

Fraternally submitted,

A. L. MARTIN, Evangelist.

On motion the hours of meeting was agreed upon; meet at 8:30 a. m. and 2 p. m. and adjourn at will.

The Committee on preaching made the following report:

That Bro. A. Daughety, preach tonight at the church and Bro. D. E. Burdeshaw at Cotton Hill School House, tomorrow at 11 a. m. Bro. W. N. Cane to preach at the church.

On motion adjourned. Benediction by Bro. Ray.

SECOND DAY.

September, 28th, 8:30 a. m.

The Moderator called the body to order. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. Malone.

Brother Malone presented the case of Center Church respecting the exclusion of Brother Bares.

A motion was made and seconded that a Committee of five be appointed by the Moderator of this body to investigate the matter and report to the Executive Committee of this Association and disposed of by that body. Adopted.

Committee: E. Oates, A. J. Armstrong, J. J. Boyett, J. H. Spivey, B. W. Herring.

The Report on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted as follows.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

It is hard to make a report when no facts are at hand or in the present condition of thing obtainable on which to base a report.

It is easy to write a short essay on Sunday Schools to be printed in the minutes but a report should be in some sense an exhibit. There are practically no statistics before the Committee showing the condition of the Sunday School work in the Association and these reports show that but little has been done during the year, yet the importance of the subject justifies our demands its, annual consideration by the Association. Is there not reason to fear that in the great stress laid upon mission, this important part of our denominational work has been neglected?

And yet no field promise greater immediate results and no field cries louder for attention and cultivatian. Probably most of our churches in the towns have Sunday Schools but many of them are woefully inefficient while the majority of our churches in the country, either, have no schools at all or carry them on for only a part of the year. Some of the churches have taken up the matter, and are to be commended for their wisdom and enterprise, but the Committee respectfully suggests that the Association consider whether the time has not fully come for putting on foot some more energetic agency for the development of our Sunday School work. We therefore reccommend that our pastors give special attention to the Sunday School work during the coming year as far as practicable. Adopted.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. A. Campbell, Chairman.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Documents, C. Johnson, J. W. Searcy and J. B. Starling.

On Nominations, M. V. Capps, W. L. McGee and F. B. Jernigan.

On Finance, Z. W. Laney Jr., J. E. Holmes and T. H. Frotter.

On Publicantions, A. Daughety, J. A. Campbell and D. E. Burdeshaw,

Treasurers report read and adopted with the exception of relieving Brother Martin from serving as Treasurer.

On motion the Committees on temperance and publications were granted further time to make their reports.

On motion a recess of fifteen minutes was taken, giving the different committees time to prepare their reports.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Abbeville, Ala., Sept. 27th, 1893.

William J. Martin, Treasurer, in account with the Judson Association.

1892.			Dr.
October.	1.	Balance on hand for State Missions	$ 10.00
"	1.	" " " " Confederate Soldiers	2 00
"	1.	" " " " of General Fund	1.20
"	1.	Amount for Home Missions	6.00
"	1,	" " Foreign Missions	2.50
"	1,	" " State "	1.00
"	1.	" " Ministerial Education	14 00
"	1.	" " Associational Purposes	45.00
"	1.	" " Minutes	23.50
"	1.	" " Evangelical Work	30.50
"	1.	" of Individual Pledges for Home Missions	14.00
"	1.	" for Evangelical Work	13.00
"	1.	" of Sunday's Collection	18.00
Total			$183.75

Regular order resumed after singing "Oh for a Closer Walk with God." Bro. Ward in the chair.

A call was made for visiting ministers. Received from Eufaula, Bro. Bow.

The Committee on Education was called for and read by Bro. R. W. Miller and adopted.

The Committee on Education submit the following report:

The importance of education and of an educated ministry is not now an open question. In this age of so many evidences of a growing disposition to introduce new theories and false teachings in religious matters, it is necessary that our people and especially our ministry, be prepared to detect and expose error and set up in clear light the true and genuine precepts of the bible, so the religion of the bible may not be misconceived or misunderstood. All of our educational facilities should be utalized to the full extent in order that we may be prepared to discern and support the truth in the great contest which is to be waged by the minions of error against true and Evangelical religion.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Daughety, Chairman.

The Committee on Temperance was read and pending its adoption, the body was addressed by Brethren D. E. Burdeshaw, J. D. Pierce, R. B. Lee and J. W. Malone. Adopted.

We your Committee on Temperance think there are few questions that should be more carefully considered, and would suggest that every Baptist would use all their influence against intemperance, by practice and word.

J. W. Malone, Chairman.

Report on Publications, read and adopted as follows: The body heard an address from Bro. Bow.

We your Committee on Publications, make the following report. While we would not disregard the bible as the most important study, we would recommend the Alabama Baptist, the State Mission Quarterly and Foreign Mission Journal be read by all if possible

D. E. Burdeshaw, Chairman.

On motion, the body adjourned for preaching; benediction by Bro. R. B. Lee. Bro. Bow preached a very interesting sermon from Rom. 3rd Chapter, 21-22d Verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bro. Ward in the chair. A letter from the East Alabama Association (colored) asking this body to send correspondence to their Association to aid them in carrying out Baptist principles and rulings; it was moved and carried that we comply with their request Bro. J. A. Campbell, D. E. Burdeshaw, agreed to go as correspondents.

Report on deceased Ministers and Deacons was read and adopted as follows:

We your Committee on deceased Ministers and Deacons and their families, make the following report. The good Lord has spared our servants, for which we should feel thankful We know of no sufferings among their families.

Respectfully. J. E. Holmes, Chairman.

The report on nominations was read by Bro. McGee.

Bro. Malone moved to take up the items separately, the motion prevailed; the report was adopted striking out the 3rd item, changing the day of meeting to Thursday instead of Friday. Pending the adoption of the report, asking the continuation of Bro. Martin as

Evangelist, Brethren Malone and McGee addressed the body respecting the faithful and efficient service of Bro. Martin, speaking most tenderly of him as a father in Israel. Adopted.

We your Committee on nominations make the following report:

We recommend that Bro. D. E Burdeshaw preach the introductory sermon at the next session of the Association. Bro. R. B. Lee, Alternate, R. W. Miller to write the circular letter. We further recommend that the Association pay Bro. A. L. Martin the amount due him at once. We further recommend that the next session of this Association be held with Sardis by their request on Friday before the first Sunday in Oct. 1894: As to the query sent up by Bethel Church ("Query—is there any Scriptural authority for modern Mission") we recommend the same be postponed until the next session of the Association. We would further recommend that Bro. Martin be continued in the Evangelist work. Respectfully Submitted,

M. V. Capps,
W. L. McGee.
F. B. Jernigan.

We your Committee on documents recommend that the next session of this Association be held with Sardis Church, Henry County, commencing on Thursday before the first Sunday in Oct. 1894. Report adopted. C. Johnson, Chairman.

The Committee on finance read and adopted.

We the Committee on finance, beg leave to make the following report:

By Cash Received for				Home Missions	$ 3 75
"	"	"	"	Foreign "	1.00
"	"	"	"	State "	6 70
"	"	"	"	Ministerial Purposes	
"	"	"	"	Minutes	21.25
"	"	"	"	Associational Purposes	11.35
"	"	"	"	Paying the Evangelist	.50
Church Pledges Cash					74 50
Individual Pledges Cash					24.00
Total					$143 05

Respectfully Submitted,
Z. W. Laney, Jr., Chairman.
J. E. Holmes.
T. H. Trotter, Committee.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions submit the following report:

We note with pleasure that the efforts of our Home Mission Board have been well directed and seem to have had the prayerful consideration of our denomination in all parts of the country. The work among the Indians, among the colored race, among the mountains, in the large cities, in the far West, in Cuba and elsewhere seem to have had the approval and blessing of God. We recommend to the Brethren the importance of reading what has been done and is now being done in this regard. When we become familiar with the work we will be better prepared to appreciate its importance and will be stimulated to take part in the work ourselves. We urge the importance of the subject and hope that our Association will take steps to aid in pushing it forward

The time has come when we should show our appreciation of the Mission caused by liberal contributions in aid of the work. Adopted. Fraternally,

M. V. Capps,
D. Griffin.
R. M. Espy, Committee.

Report on Foreign Missions read and adopted.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

The Century of Modern Missions closes with this year. In response to that injunction of the scripture. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" and to meet the increasing demand for more laborers in foreign fields, it has been the desire and effort of God's people to celebrate this year by sending out one hundred new Missionaries, of which number forty have already been appointed. To meet the expenses of this increased force to carry out the great command of God $250,000 extra funds is necessary. Of this amount, Alabama was asked to contribute $15,000 which sum has not been fully raised. By refering to the letters sent up to the Association we find that some of our churches have joined heart and hand with this great and glorious move and contributed liberally to the centenial fund. We are sorry that all have not caught the spirit of this important work. By refering to the minutes of our last session, we find that this Association only paid $2.50 for Foreign Missions. This, we think, is coming far short of our duty in this regard, and it is certainly inadequate to the pressing demand for work in the foreign fields. In order that our people may more fully hear the cries of the perishing millions, understand the spirit of the effort now being put forth and become acquainted with the immensity of the work that we are called upon to perform in carrying out the mandates of God's word, we recommend that every one who can take some work on Foreign Missions; believing, as we do, that this will be a means of waking us up to our duty.

Respectfully submitted,
W. L. McGee, for the Committee.

The Committee on State Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

It is a matter of pride to note that this important work has not been overlooked by the Bapsist people of Alabama. It is a fact, however that churches of the Judson Association are not up to the full measure of duty in support of this work. The statistical table, appended to the minutes of our State Convention (session of 1892) does not credit this Association with anything at all in support of State Missions. When we examine the record and see what others have done we should be inspired to take part in the great efforts now being made. According to the same authority above quoted it appears that the Baptists of Alabama contributed the aggregate sum of $5 973 32 to this cause during the year 1892. We should all know that there is a great demand for Mission work within our own state. "The field is ripe unto the harvest and the laborers are few." This should not be. The Baptists of this state are able to go out and take it in the name of the Lord. It will be a proud day in our history when we awake to our duty and get into a line of systematic work in the Mission cause.

God speed the day when every one shall have the Gospel. Adopted.

Fraternally.
S. J. Belcher, for the Committee.

A motion was offered by Bro. Malone, tendering the thanks of this body to this church and community for their hospitality shown us while among them. Unanimously adopted.

A motion made and carried, allowing the clerk to be paid $20.00 for his services.

Pledges were called for, the following churches responded:

Abbeville	$25.00,	Bethel	$ 5.00,	Christian Grove	$ 2.00
Concord	2.00,	Fellowship	2.00,	Hebron	5.00
Lawrenceville	2.50,	Oak Grove	1.50,	Pleasant Grove	10.00
Tolbert	5.00,	Judson	2.50.		
	Total				$62.50

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

J. J. Boyett	$ 50c.	A. L. Ray	$ 1.00,	T. H. Trotter	$ 1.00
R. B. Lee	1.00,	J. C. Kirkland	1.00,	A. H. Taylor	1.00
D. E. Bordeshaw	2.00,	R. Wiggins	.50,	J. E. Holmes	1.00
W. L. McGee	1.00,	A. L. J. Lisenby	.50,	J. B. Starling	.50.
M. V. Capps	5.00,				
	Total				$16.00

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES CONTINUED.

A. Daughety	$ 1.00,	J. W. Langford	$ .50
A. J. Armstrong	1.00,	J. B. Ward	2.50
J. W. Foster	10 00,	A. B. Bush	2.50
J. T. Barnes	2 00,	Mrs. A. B. Bush	2.50

CORRECTION.

Bro. Malone asked permission ro correct a mistake which occurred in last years minutes page 6 reading as folows:

"Brother Malone spoke in opposition to the modern means proposed for the spread of the Gospel. Brother Crumpton replied, showing conclusively that the means proposed were in strict harmony with the teachings of Christ and the Apostles" Brother Malone said he thought it would be doing justice to himself, Brother Crumpton and also to the cause for time to correct the statement; as it never has and never will be shown "concusively" that modern missions is authorized by the scriptures.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

Brother Malone asked the brethren to sing while the parting hand was extended after which the closing prayer was offered by brother Ray. Thus closed one of the most interesting sessions ever held by the Judson Association. Good order and good feeling prevailing throughout the entire session.

A. L. RAY
Clerk,

J. B. WARD
Moderator.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR P. O.

A. L. Martin, Abbeville Ala.
J. W. Malone, Wesley Ala.
D. E. Burdeshaw, Kincey Ala.
J. W. Herndon, Shorterville Ala.
J. W. Knowles, Bracken, Ala
S. J. Knowles, Headland, Ala.
H. C. Hurley, - - - - - - - -
R. B. Lee, Enfaula, Ala.
A. L. Ray, Bush, Ala.
M. Bracken, Bracken, Ala.
A. Daughety, Cowarts, Ala.

LICENTIATES AND THEIR P. O.

J. A. Campbell, Headland, Ala.
W. H. F. Smith, Headland, Ala.
J. W. Dunaway, Headland, Ala.
A. H. Taylor, Kincey, Ala.
F. B. Jernigan, Belcher, Ala.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions—A. L. Martin, S. M. Singletary, J. J. Boyett.
Home Missions—R. W. Miller, C. C. Murphy, J A. Campbell.
Foreign Missions—J. W. Foster, A. J. Armstrong, E. D. Holly.
Sabbath Schools—R. C. Granbery, N. L. Hawley, W. W. Whiddon.
Education—J. S. Espy, G. T. Roberts, R B. Lee.
Temperance—J. H. Spivey, D. W. Capps, R. M. Espy.
Indigent Ministers—W. J. Doswell, W. C. Jernigan, A. H. Taylor.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This union shall be known and distinguished by the style and title of the Judson Baptist Association.

ART. 2. This association shall be composed of representatives from the churches in the union, in the following ratio: All churches composed of one hundred members and under shall be allowed two messengers; those having over one hundred and fifty members, three messengers; those having over one hundred and 50 and not 200 members, 4 messengers; and so on in graduation—one messenger for every fifty members, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their churches before they take their seats

ART. 3 The messengers, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body, by election of a moderator and clerk. These officers shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting and continue in office until new ones are elected.

ART. 4 The association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which she is composed. She shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and only act as an advisory council, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to her by the churches or, evidently implied by the very nature of this compact; she nevertheless, claims authority over her own members, the messengers of the churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact by becoming unorthodox in faith or disorderly in practice. She should, therefore, regard all the churches united under this Constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Her principle business shall be to promote the glory of God by extending His kingdom of grace on earth, through the medium of preaching the gospel and other means in accordance with the gospel; to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, and especially with those united in this association.

ART. 5. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this Union by their sending their messengers to an annual meeting, with a petition, and by those messengers agreeing to the Abstract of Principles herewith published.

ART. 6. The churches of this Union shall transmit to every annual session of this association written communications, specifying the names of the messengers, number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded restored and dead, since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

ART. 7. This association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches, and paid over, through the committee on finance, to the treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the association. He shall receive and manage the funds according to the orders of the association, and present annually for insertion in the minutes, a clear and full statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ART. 8. This association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

ART. 9, This association shall not take cognizance of any query sent up by the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and failed, nor of any difficulty between churches, unless they have pursued the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew and have not been able to settle them, then the association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at her discretion.

ART. 10. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the association to keep a regular file of printed minutes of every session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

ART. 11. This association when convened, shall be governed by proper rules of decorum which she is authorized to form and amend according to her own views.

ART. 12. This Constitution may be altered or amended at a regular meeting of this body, by a concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present: Provided, such alteration or amendment be approved by a majority of the churches

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in the existence of one only true and living God, and that he has made himself known to his people under the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essense and equal in divine perfection.

ART. 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election, that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world; that they should be holy and without blame before him in love, having predestined them to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will.

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of the original sin.

ART. 5. We believe in man's incompetency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own will and ability.

ART. 6. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

ART, 7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

ART. 8. We believe that nothing can separate the true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART. 9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, that the true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that immersion only is baptism.

ART. 10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

ART. 11. We believe the punishment of the wicked to be everlasting and the joys of the righteous to be eternal.

ART. 12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless he is called of God, and come under the imposition of hands by a Presbytery, and is in fellowship in the church of which he is a member.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Every query sent up to the association by any church in the Union, shall be read and put to a vote by the moderator whether it shall be debated or not, and if there be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; but if not, it shall be withdrawn, provided always that those be first considered which affect the Union of the churches.

2. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

3. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from from his seat and address the moderator, and he shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject in debate.

4. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the body.

5 No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself without leave of the body, and if he so does, he shall be marked as an absentee.

6. The names of the members of the association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over as often as the body may require.

7. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote except the body be equally divided.

8. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular record of the proceedings of the body.

9. The minutes of the association shall be read and assigned by the moderator and clerk before the body rises.

10. Amendments may be made to this form of government by two-thirds of the members in session.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1893.

CHURCHES.	Ed. Bro Crumpton for State Missions	Sent to Bro. Crumpton Centennial funds.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Minutes.	Associational Purposes.	Total.
Abbeville	$30 00	$	$	$	$	$	$ 1 50	$25 00	$26 50
Bethel							2 00	3 00	5 00
Beulah		15 30					1 50		1 50
Christian Grove							1 25	2 60	3 85
Concord							1 00	4 00	5 00
Enon							00	2 25	3 25
Fellowship							75	5 00	5 75
Hebron							1 50	5 00	5 50
*Harmony							50	1 00	1 50
Headland							1 50	10 00	11 50
Judson							1 00	2 50	3 50
Lawrenceville							1 00	2 50	3 50
Mt. Aeriel							1 00	2 00	3 00
Old Zion							75	25	1 00
Oaky Grove							75		75
Pleasant Grove							1 50	10 00	11 50
Sardis							1 00	2 00	3 00
Smyrna					6 20		75	1 50	8 45
Tolbert							1 00		1 00
Total					$6 20		$21 25	$78 60	106 05

Union and Center and Shorterville Churches not represented.
‡‡Admitted this session.

STATISTICS OF JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1893.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership last reported.	Increaease by Bapt'm	Increase by letter.	In. by Restoration.	Decrease by letter.	De. by exclusion.	Decrease by erasure.	Decrease by death.	Present membership.	S. S. offic's & Teach's	Sunday School pupils.	Preaching. Sabbaths.	Report Prayermeet'g.	Report revival.
Abbeville	Henry	H C Hurley	R W Miller	Abbeville	118	16	5		7	1		1	129	13	137	2d	1	rvl
Bethel	Barbour	J W Malone.	G W Walker	Bakers Hill	105	2	3		3				110			4th		
Beulah	Henry	D E Burdeshaw	J G Patterson	Dothan	82	1			3	2		1	77	S	S			
Chris'n Grove	Barbour.	R B Lee	W A Jernigan	Belcher	66					1		2	63			1st		
Center	Henry		J M Wells	Bracken	88								105			4th		
Concord	"	R C Deal	G W Ward Jr	Bracken	80	4	4		3				85			3rd		
Enon	"	D E Burdeshaw	C B Bridges	Kincey	51	1	2		5				45	4	30	2d	1	
‡‡Fellowship	"	A Armstrong	D W Capps	Abbeville	64	11	6	1	2	1			78			2d		
Hebron	"	A Armstrong	J M Armstrong		33	1							34			3rd		
Harmony	"	A L Ray	J W Searcy	White Pond									5			3rd		
Headland	"	R C Deal	C B Herring	Headland	152	4	8		3	1		1	156	S	S	1st		
Juds..on	"	J W Malone	J E Holmes	Wesley	39	1			2	3			55			2d		
Lawrenceville	"	A L Martin	N L Hawley	Lawrenceville	24				1			1				4th		
Mt. Aeriel	Barbour	A L Ray	W C Jernigan	Belcher	43		2		1	2			44			2d		
Mt. Pleasant	"	Not Represented										1						
Oaky Grove	Henry		W J S Mourning	Abbeville	33				2			1	28			2d		rvl
Old Zion	"	J W Malone	A Starling	Shorterville	24		2	1				1	26			3rd		
Pleasant Grove	"	H C Hurly	Wm Smith	Abbeville	131				2	2		1	145			3rd		
Sardis	"	A L Martin	E D Holly	Lawrenceville	30	6	1		3			1	27			2d		
Shorterville	"	H C Hurly	W F Mills	Shorterville	52	11	3			1		1	64			4th		
Smyrna	"	D E Burdeshaw	J D Daughety	Dothan	113		1		4				110			4th		
Tolbert	"	J W Herndon	M P Shelly	Balkum														
‡‡Union					46								50					

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‡‡Union not represented.
‡‡Admitted at this session.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1 Call for Petitionary letters
2 Invite visiting ministers to seats with us.
3 Call for Correspondents.
4 Appoint Committee on Preaching.
5 Appoint Committee on Nominations.
6 Appoint Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
7 Appoint Committee on Publications.
8 Appoint Committee on Documents.
9 Appoint a Committee on Finance.
10 Arrange the Hours of Meeting and Adjourning.
11 Appoint Correspondents.
12 Elect Delegates to State Convention.
13 Elect Executive Committee and Treasurer.
14 Call for Report of Executive Committee.
15 Call for Report on Missions (A) State (B) Home (C) foreign
16 Call for Report on Temperance.
17 Call for Report on Aged and Indigent Ministers, and Deceased Ministers' Families.
18 Reading of the Circular Letter.
19 Call for Report on Sabbath Schools.
20 Call for Colporteur's Report.
21 Call for Treasurer's Report.
22 Call for Report on Education.
23 Call for Report on Publications.
24 Call for Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
25 Call for Report on Nominations.
26 Call for Report on Documents.
27 Arrange time and place for next Session.
28 Call for Report on Finance.
29 Appoint Standing Committees.
On State Missions,
On Home Missions,
On Foreign Missions,
On Sabbath Schools,
On Education,
On Temperance,
On Aged and Indigent Ministers,
On Church Building Fund.
30 Read Minutes.
31 Adjourn.

Fifteen minutes allotted for miscellaneous business at the opening of each session.